

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 9, 2007, claims 1, 2, and 4-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 2,897,897 (Breukelman); claims 1, 3, 21, 23-25, and 27 are rejected under § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 4,258,788 (Patton); claim 15 is rejected under § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 5,127,474 (Schroeder); claims 26 and 28-30 are rejected under § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 2,217,305 (Bryan); and claims 26 is rejected under § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 2,602,516 (Gray).

Applicant acknowledges the objections of claims 16-19 and 28-30.

102 Rejection of Claims 1, 9, 15, 16, 21, 23, 26, and 28

Claims 1-15 and 23-28 have been canceled, without prejudice, to render the rejection of the claims moot.

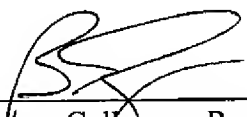
Claims 16, 21, and 28 have been amended herein and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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